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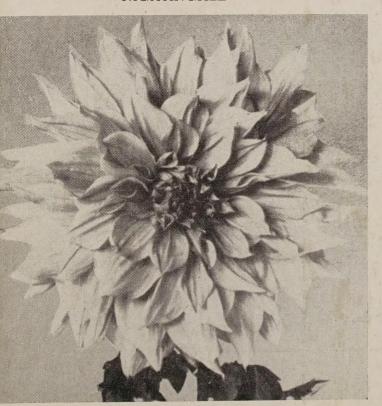




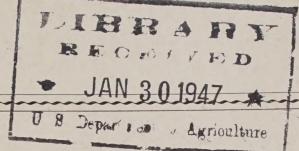
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1947

Giant

BALLAY

Dahlias



Ballay Dahlia Gardens

4309 El Camino Real

PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

Twenty-sixth Annual Catalogue

BALLAY DAHLIA GARDENS

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PLEASE NOTE — When ordering please write NAME and ADDRESS plainly, also state date delivery is desired. It is better not to have roots delivered until you are ready to use them. As the stock of some varieties is limited and the demand this year is heavy, it is well to name some second choices. We do not substitute without permission. All shipments prior to April 1st, except on the Pacific Coast, are sent by Express Collect to insure against freezing. We do not sell green plants. Prices listed are for strong field-grown root divisions.

TERMS—CASH WITH ORDER or before date of shipment. On retail orders for California delivery 2½% Sales Tax should be added to the amount to comply with the Sales Tax Law. We guarantee that all roots sent are true to name and in good growing condition, but beyond this assume no responsibility. All orders are accepted with this provision.

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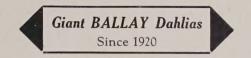
Informal Decorative (I. D.). Double flowers, full to the center, usually with long irregular petals.

Formal Decorative (F. D.). Double flowers, full to the center, usually with broad flat petals.

Cactus (C.). Double flowers, full to the center, with long, narrow, pointed petals, incurved, recurved or straight, and rolled at least half their length.

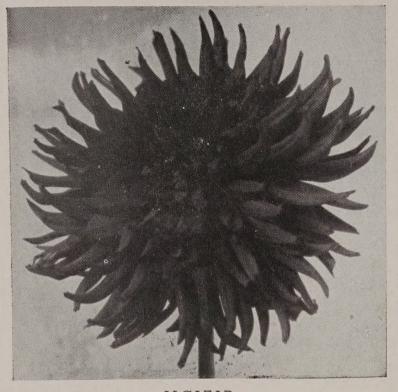
Semi-Cactus (S. C.). Double flowers, full to the center, with coarse, twisted petals, usually somewhat incurved, and rolled ordinarily less than half their length.

DAHLIA SEEDS — Hand	pollenized	dahlia	seeds	from	the	largest	and	best
varieties						\$10.00 pe	er 100	Net



OUR NEW INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1947

(Illustrated on front cover)







FRIEDA GAYLORD

OTHER DAHLIAS OF OUR OWN INTRODUCTION

AZURA — I.D. Rosy lilac with a bluish-violet sheen. A very large deep flower which has won several times as largest flower in the show with blooms measuring 12 to 14 inches. Plant is tall and strong and the blooms have a distinctive and interesting formation. \$1.50

CALIFORNIA IDOL - I.D.

Lemon yellow. Famous the world over. A very large flower with ideal habits that is seldom surpassed either for garden performance or for exhibition. One of the truly great dahlias....\$1.00

CALIFORNIA PEACH—S.C.



BALLAY ROUGE

ing. Has been described as a good keeper when cut
CONFUCIUS — S.C. Chinese red (bright coral red). This very striking dahlia is a real giant with many winnings to its credit. Few dahlias have achieved greater popularity and it doubtless ranks with the very best
CORONADO — I.D. Bright rose magenta. An interesting and sturdy variety that should be more widely grown. Flower is large and of very attractive coloring with a good stem. Plant of medium height
DOROTHY LAMOUR — Str. Cac. True orange. A dahlia of great charm because of its rare color and useful qualities. This is a distinctive variety that is much in demand
DRESDEN — I.D. Clear pink lavendar. An uncommon color and very pleasing. A grand old dahlia
ESPLENDIDO — I.C. Reddish coral pink. True type cactus of a most attractive and unusual color. Very tall, strong growing and an abundant producer of fine blooms. One of the best cactus in commerce
EUGENIA BALLAY — I.D. Rich cream. An early and free-blooming variety with good habits of growth. Good color. Fair size
EVELYN CHANDLER — S.C. Golden apricot. A spectacular flower of fine coloring and great size. It has been a consistent winner in numerous shows, sometimes as largest bloom. Very desirable

CALIFORNIA ROSE — LD. Clear bright rose Exquisite coloring large tall grow-



MONTEZUMA

\$2.50

FRIEDA GAYLORD — I.D. Rosy pink lightly shaded with gold. A magnificent dahlia of remarkable size and vigor. Will produce very large blooms through the whole season, some as large as 15 inches in diameter. Has won a number of major prizes in the leading shows in different parts of the country the past year. That it is one of the truly great dahlias of all time is our candid opinion. New 1946
GALA CALIFORNIA — I.C. Scarlet orange. One of the best cactus. Attracts attention because of the bright unusual color. It will supply many fine blooms on good stems and seems to do well anywhere
GAYLORD BALLAY — I.D. Pure white. A new giant white that has created a great sensation. Superlative size, vigorous, tall growing. Largest and purest white to date that is winning in strong competition
GERTRUDE LAWRENCE — I.D. Light cerise red. Outstanding variety both as to size and color. Early to bloom. Plant of medium height
GRANDEE — I.D. Light red shaded orange yellow. Noticeable because of its great size. Plant growth rather sparse
GRAND MARSHAL — S.C. Reddish-violet. Large true type semi-cactus. Uncommon color. Particularly good in the late season
JOSEPH B. LANKTREE — I.D. Bright red without shadings. A champion prize winner in California. Massive blooms 12 to 14 inches. Continues until the end

of the season. Outstanding in its class.

KING COLE—I.D. Deep maroon red. Few dahlias will stand hot weather better. Flowers are large, well formed and with good stems. Not a prolific bloomer \$2.00

LELAND STANFORD - I.D.

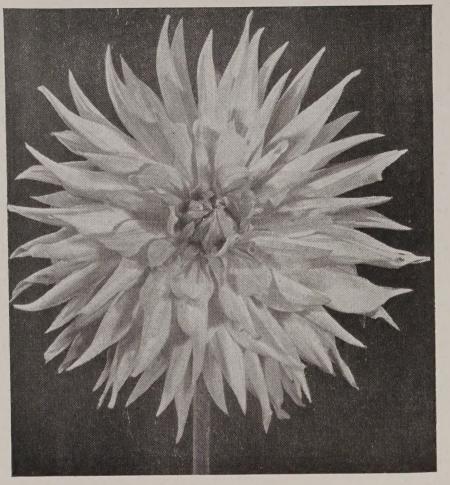
Brilliant cardinal. One of the best reds. Does not fade and will withstand difficult conditions.

Large size, robust grower....\$1.00



SILVER JUBILEE

MAGNA CHARTA — I.D. Deep old rose. Charming flower of rare color. Will grow large on a long cane-like stem. Clean sturdy bush growth. Has not shown any faults or failings
MAESTRO — S.C. Purple cerise. A richly-colored large flower of remarkable substance and most pleasing appearance. All good qualities and highly recommended
MISS GLORY — S.C. Apricot-yellow. A refined flower of large size and excellent form. Well known and popular. One of the best in its class
MONTEZUMA — S.C. Reddish copper or terra cotta. A giant semi-cactus on the type of Confucius. The big, bold flower has depth as well as diameter and the color is attractive and unusual. New 1946
PACIFICA — S.C. Saffron yellow, light reverse. A beautiful and distinctive yellow dahlia. Petals are broad and numerous and flower will attain spectacular size. An all-purpose variety
PACIFIC SPLENDOR — I.D. Delicate pink shading to white center. Artistic bloom of large size. A delightful color when properly grown. Habits of growth are good



EVELYN CHANDLER

palo alto—I.D. Salmon shading to gold. One of the best of the older varieties, A dahlia of fine color that is easy to grow. Rather tall plant producing many good flowers on long stems.

with extra long strong stems
SATAN — S.C. Flaming red, gold center. A great dahlia that is known wherever dahlias are grown. Greatest prize winner of its day
SILVER JUBILEE — I.D. Bright pink tipped white. Something entirely new in a bi-color. Consistently large flowers all similarly tipped. Has been well recommended and should become well known. New 1945
SIR FRANCIS DRAKE — I.D. Golden bronze shading deeper at the center. Very large flower with exceptional depth. One of the very best in the autumn shades which are always popular. We have had many fine reports on the performance of this dahlia the past season
SONOMA — I.D. Cream and pink with deeper shadings. A light colored dahlia that is unique because of the odd color blend. Large, decidedly attractive and first class in all respects
YANKEE DOODLE—I.D. Fuchsia purple with crimson shadings. Giant size, rare coloring, good habits. An ideal exhibition dahlia. Not particularly recom-

SAN FRANCISCO — I.D. Shrimp pink. A giant of great beauty. Rugged grower

GOOD VARIETIES OF OTHER GROWERS

(Name in parenthesis is that of the introducer. In the case of foreign dahlias the name of the country is given.)

ADOLPH MAYER—I.D. (Holland.) Maroon
Very dark medium sized flower. Strong
free branching plant and a prolific
bloomer \$1.00



REGALIA

A. C. GOODACRE — F.D. (Dixie.) Bright yellow tipped white. A real bi-color. Vigorous and productive
ALICE MAY — I.D. (Australia.) Pure white. Large and deep with good stems and excellent substance. Dependable in the garden and generally useful\$1.00
ALL AMERICAN — S.C. (Salem.) Mulberry rose. A true semi-cactus of good form, unusual color and large size. Very desirable for all purposes
AMELIA EARHART — S.C. (Cordes.) Apricot buff with salmon shadings. One of the best of the older varieties because of the richly colored blooms of large size held facing on a good stem
AXFORD TRIUMPH — I.D. (Australia.) Bronze and tan. A new variety of large size that is a robust grower with excellent habits
BETTE DAVIS — S.C. (Cordes.) Lavender rose. Medium sized flower that is very pleasing and useful. Prolific bloomer
BESS SMITH — I.D. (Anderson.) Creamy white. One of the newer whites that is a good performer. Well branched plant with long stems
BETTY STAKER — I.D. (Australia.) Dull gold with rose shadings. A massive flower and a beautiful color. Very impressive in the garden
BILL'S GOLD — I.D. (Australia.) Bright old gold. One of the best of its color and an all-around fine dahlia. Very large, good grower, good stems



MAESTRO

BLUE RIVER — I.D. (Salem.) Bluish-lavender. As near to blue as we have in dahlias. Always attracts attention. Good size \$1.00

BRILLIANT - S.C. (Holland.) Scarlet. Truly a brilliantly colored flower. Long, strong stems. Medium size.....\$2.00

CAMEO - F.D. (Fisher-Masson.) Soft coral or salmon pink. Color is most pleasing. Large flowers on long stems. Very satisfactory\$1.00

bloom. Petals are broad and well placed and have good substance\$1.50
CHARLOTTE COLLIS — I.D. (Australia.) Orange red. Brilliant color and a free and early bloomer. Stems are weak at times
CLARA CARDER — I.D. (Australia.) Cyclamen pink. A new and pleasing color, fine form. Has capacity for great size. Prefers cool weather
CHAUTAUQUA GIANT — I.D. (Chautauqua.) Sunset pink and gold. Large and attractive. Blooms freely on fair stems
CHAS. L. MASTICK — F.D. (Mastick.) Glistening orange shading darker toward the center. A perfect formal decorative especially good for cutting. One of the best in its class
CHEROKEE BRAVE — I.D. (Dahliadel.) Deep red. Good grower, large size, stands unusual weather well
COLIN KELLY — I.D. (Salem.) Lavender pink. Exquisite bloom of enormous size. Stems are long but slender and need support
CONQUEROR — S.C. (Holland.) Clear sulphur yellow. Well-formed clean-cut flower of fairly large size and good stems. A useful and beautiful variety. New 1946
COMMANDO — F.D. (Golden Rule.) Phlox purple. Vividly colored bloom, large and attractive. A formal in a new color

CARL G. DAHL — I.D. (Scott.) Old rose and gold. A consistent winner as largest

CORNELL — I.D. (Parrella.) Deep red, tipped white. A fair sized bi-color with good markings. Good grower but not a prolific bloomer
DAHLIAMUM — I.D. (Chemar.) Bronzy gold. Very large flower carried on top of a strong stem that looks like a shaggy chrysanthemum
DARCY SAINSBURY — F.D. (Australia.) White. Large, full flower that is considered by many the best white formal to date. A white that will stand the weather Good grower
DIXIE'S WINE DOT — I.D. (Dixie.) White ground striped and splashed wine red Something new and good. A most unusual variegated dahlia of very large size and sturdy growth
EAGLE ROCK FANTASY — I.D. (Broomall.) Lavender pink. An old favorite Very large
EVENTIDE — I.D. (Bissell.) True purple. Fairly large flowers of unusual form each petal being notched and slightly twirled. Nice plant with dark foliage\$2.00
EL RUBIO — I.D. (Redfern.) Wine red. Very large bold flower. Plant growth extremely rugged. A late bloomer and one of the most attractive in the garden in the late fall
FIGARO — S.C. (France.) Bright yellow striped red. A sport of Satan with similar qualities. An excellent bi-color although a certain percentage of the blooms will come solid red. \$1.50





JOSEPH B. LANKTREE

FIRST LADY

FLASH — S.C. (Salem.) Scarlet boldly tipped white. A striking bi-color of medium size. A good seller and scarce
FIVE-STAR GENERAL — F.D. (Ramage-Ruschmohr.) Blend of soft pink and creamy yellow. An exceptional dahlia of real merit. Large, well formed and a good grower. A 1946 introduction that impressed all visitors. Highly recommended but our stock is limited
FREDA GEORGE — I.D. (Australia.) Creamy pink with shadings of rose. A delicately colored variety with excellent qualities. Long a favorite in this country
GALAXY — I.C. (England.) Yellow striped and splashed with red. A very interesting and satisfactory cactus. Flowers are full and well formed. Plant is tall and sturdy. \$2.00
GAY KNIGHT — I.D. (Australia.) Bright red suffused gold. This brightly colored bloom is extra large and held straight up on a perfect stem. One of the largest and best from Australia
GLAMOUR — I.D. (Salem.) Light purple with shadings of rose. Grows large without pampering and is a consistent winner in the shows. Color, form and habits are all good
GOLDEN STANDARD — I.C. (Downs.) Amber buff. Large exhibition cactus. Good grower and excellent keeper
GOULBURN — I.C. (Australia.) Yellow shading to apricot. A true cactus of large size. Outstanding in its class with great possibilities in the showroom\$3.50
GREATER GLORY — S.C. (Salem.) Rose pink shading to cream. Large well-formed flower on a tall plant. A valuable addition to the semi-cactus class\$1.00
HELIOS — S.C. (Holland.) Bright apricot with yellow center. Good sized blooms of pleasing color and form. One of the best of our new foreign importations\$3.50
HILLSIDE JOY — S.C. (Bissell.) Apricot buff. Artistic flower of beautiful coloring and fine stems. Medium size
HULIN'S MELODY — S.C. (Hulin.) Pale gold with mauve shadings. Fine bloom of good size in an odd color combination. Grows strong and blooms abundantly.

HUNT'S VELVET WONDER -

I.D. (Hunt-Burnett.) Cerise purple.
This is a huge flower with broad petals and great depth. Plant is rugged and of medium height with rather short stems......\$1.00

indian Giant—I.D. (Emmons.) Reddish apricot. Very large exhibition variety. Plants are low and bushy and continue to produce fine blooms over a long period. Color is different and much admired.......\$3.00



GERTRUDE LAWRENCE

IVORY PRINCESS — S.C. (Ruschmohr.) Ivory white. Large, well-formed flower of an unusual shade. Strong grower with good stems. Outstanding\$2.00
JANE LAUSCHE — S.C. (Rocky River.) Lavender tipped white. Decidedly a new combination of color and an all-around good dahlia. It was a big prize winner in its introductory year. A novelty of real merit. New 1945
LILAC GIANT — S.C. (Salem.) Pinkish lilac. A dahlia of tremendous size. Low growing plant but stems are sufficiently long. There are not many semi-cactus varieties in this shade and this is a good one
LYNN FONTANNE — S.C. (Lee-Parrella.) Light red. Very large and full. Improves as the season advances. Winner of many prizes as largest bloom\$2.50
MAFFIE — S.C. (Exnar-Johnson.) Carmine red. Truly spectacular. First blooms are extremely large and have frequently won as largest in the show. Tall, open grower\$2.00
MARGRACE — I.D. (Bissell.) Bright red lightly tipped gold. The large long-stemmed blooms are freely produced through the whole season

MARION SMITH — I.D. (Australia.) Clear pink. The large graceful blooms fairly
cover the sturdy plant of medium height. A charming color and a first-class
dahlia in every way
MARY RETZER — I.D. (Retzer.) Clear lavender. A clean crisp flower of fairly
large size. Fine growing habits. Good
MONARCH OF THE EAST — I.D. (Almy.) Bright golden apricot. Giant flowers
borne profusely on a rampant growing bush. Colorful
NOMITORIO DESCRIPTO (A 1 1) C
MOTHER'S DAY — I.D. (Australia.) Creamy white. Beautifully shaped blooms
of great size. Stem stalks are very tall and sometimes need support
MOON GODDESS — I.D. (Dozier.) Primrose yellow. Attractive nicely formed
flower of large size. Husky plant growth and strong stems
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MRS. HESTER A. PAPE — I.D. (Pape-Rocky River.) Reddish purple. Popular 1946
introduction of rich coloring. Large, sturdy and attractive. A big winner in the
shows
MRS. THOMAS EDISON — I.D. (Chautauqua.) Ruby red, with silver reverse.
Outstanding color effect. Flower can be grown to good size and is always a
bright spot in the garden
MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE — I.D. (Success.) Deep red. This dahlia is naturally
large and can be grown to great proportions. Has been a contender in the largest
class for many years. Strong grower with good stems
NORMA MORTON — I.D. (Australia.) Rich yellow shading to orange. Large size,
robust grower, stems strong and erect. Good
PEARL HARBOR — I.D. (Dixie.) Lavender striped and splashed deep red. A very
pretty variegated dahlia of good size. Habits satisfactory
PINK AMELIA — S.C. (Edison.) Rose pink. A remarkable sport of Amelia Earhart
with all the good points of the parent variety. Good texture and erect stem\$1.50
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PINK GIANT — I.D. (Holland.) True pink. This is hardly a giant according to
the American idea but it is large enough for all general purposes. The color is
impressive and it has achieved great popularity in this country. Highly recom-

POET'S DREAM — I.D. (Salem.) Shell pink or possibly soft apple blossom pink.
Extraordinary as to color and size and of most beautiful formation. This would
be one of the finest of all dahlias if it had a better stem
PREMIER'S WINSOME — I.D. (Premier.) Soft pink with rose shadings. Good form
and substance and good grower. Unusual color\$2.00
REAL GLORY — F.D. (Stephenson.) Pure white. A clear glistening white of fine
form and extra good substance. Good grower and free bloomer. Unsurpassed in
its class
REVE — C. (Holland.) Soft creamy pink. Nicely shaped cactus with good straight
stem. Early and free-flowering \$2.50
RHYTHM — S.C. (Dozier-Dahliadel.) Cameo rose with yellow center. A dainty
flower of great beauty. Much admired because of its color and pleasing forma-
tion\$3.50
RITA WELLS — I.D. (Ruschmohr.) Pale rose and buff. Very large early flowering
variety. Excellent growing qualities
RUBY LOXTON — I.D. (Australia.) Bright rose. Large well-colored flower. Blooms early and freely on a strong vigorous plant
SALEM SUNSHINE — I.D. (Salem.) Bright yellow. Another very large new yellow. Bush is low but stems are long and wiry and hold the magnificent bloom upright. Is not temperamental as to weather
SARETT'S PINK FLAMINGO — I.C. (Ruschmohr.) Clear rose pink. A charming
cactus dahlia that has been a big winner in the shows. Large size for a cactus
and with excellent formation and stem. This has given us some very fine blooms
this season\$3.50
SHERWOOD'S PEACH — I.D. (Ruschmohr.) Apricot buff. Very large size, beau-
tiful color, vigorous grower. New and striking \$3.50
SOUTHERN ROSE — I.D. (Dozier.) Bright rose pink. Large and attractive both for
garden or exhibition. Strong grower and good bloomer

STEPHEN FOSTER — I.C. (Salem.) Golden buff suffused orange. Tall, strong plant producing many well-formed flowers of large size. A valuable addition to the cactus class
TOPFLIGHT — S.C. (Dozier.) Bright crimson. Fine large red that does not fade. Perfect formation. Long straight stem. Tall grower
TOPS — I.D. (Dozier.) Bright yellow. A true giant in the most pleasing shade of yellow. Has good depth and is well formed. Never fails to attract attention\$2.50
TOWN TOPIC — F.D. (Hulin.) Bright purple sometimes tipped white. Full, well-built flower on a long strong stem. A nice variety
TROJAN — I.D. (Salem.) Deep red with yellow reverse. Color will vary from deep red to almost orange in flowers on the same bush. All are large and well supported by good stems. \$1.50
VICTRIX — I.D. (Holland.) Bluish lilac. Large flower of unusual coloring. A foreign novelty of real promise. \$3.50
VIRGINIA RUTE — I.D. (Chautauqua.) Dark red. Large, deep, broad petalled bloom. All around good dahlia
WAKE ISLAND — S.C. (Hulin.) Deep bright red. A nice large flower of most attractive coloring. Blooms freely on a strong, shapely plant
WENOKA — F.D. (Hulin.) Deep orchid rose. A true formal of large size. Unusual and good. Plant tall and strong. Stem fair
WORLD EVENT — I.D. (Dixie.) Deep rose pink. Large flower of pleasing formation held on a good straight stem. We like this dahlia very much as it grows in our garden
YOTO — I.D. (Japan.) Amber yellow with shadings of pink. Very large flower with petals twisted and curled. Rugged grower with all good habits. Good for all purposes